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Subpart A—General

§272.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to prescribe the requirements and procedures for determining the condition of vessels receiving operating-differential subsidy, to prescribe the requirements for reporting and substantiating maintenance and repair (M&R) expenses, and to establish the criteria and procedures for determining whether a M&R expense is subsidizable.

§272.2 Scope.

Except as otherwise provided in subpart B, the provisions of this part apply only to vessels operating under an operating-differential subsidy agreement which provides for the payment of M&R subsidy, except that this part does not apply to any vessel operating under an operating-differential subsidy agreement for the carriage of bulk raw and processed agricultural commodities from the United States to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, pursuant to part 294 of this chapter.

§ 272.3 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part:

- (a) Act means the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, 46 App. U.S.C. 1101 et seq.
- (b) *MARAD* means the Maritime Administration, a unit of the United States Department of Transportation, as distinguished from the Board (which is a unit of MARAD).
- (c) Board means the Maritime Subsidy Board of the Maritime Administration.
 - (d) Domestic Origin:
- (1) Labor. With respect to labor, Domestic Origin means that the work shall be performed by a U.S. ship repair facility, a U.S. independent contractor, or by the Operator's own shore gang.
- (2) Materials. With respect to materials, Domestic Origin means that all articles, materials, and supplies shall

be of the growth, production or manufacture of the United States.

- (e) Eligible Vessel means a vessel operated under an ODSA, other than an ODSA subject to part 294 of this chapter, which provides for the payment of M&R subsidy with respect to the operation of that vessel.
- (f) Equipment means that part of an Eligible Vessel that is not part of the vessel's hull or machinery.
- (g) Expendable equipment means those articles, outfittings and furnishings that are portable, semi-portable or detachable, that are used in equipping a ship for service and in its normal day-to-day maintenance and operation, and that are subject to casual or gradual deterioration and replacement. It does not include items classified as stores and supplies or Spare Parts.
- (h) Improvement means work to be performed on an Eligible Vessel which is a modification, alteration, addition or betterment, which may be accomplished separately from M&R, but may be eligible for M&R subsidy pursuant to § 272.22 of this part.
- (i) M&R and M&R Subsidy mean, respectively, maintenance and repairs and maintenance and repair subsidy payable pursuant to section 603 of the Act.
- (j) ODS and ODSA refer, respectively, to operating-differential subsidy provided under an operating-differential subsidy agreement entered into pursuant to title VI of the Act.
- (k) Operator means any individual, partnership, corporation, or association that enters into an ODSA with the Board pursuant to title VI of the Act.
- (1) Permanent equipment means Equipment that is, or is intended to become when installed, an integral, permanent, built-in part of the vessel.
- (m) Region Office means any one of the four Maritime Administration Region Offices in New York, NY; New Orleans, LA; San Francisco, CA; and Chicago, IL; established pursuant to section 809 of the Act.
- (n) Spare parts means such items as spare propellers and tailshafts and self-contained operable units of machinery or equipment, as well as those items generally recognized within the maritime industry as Spare Parts.